

## SYLLABUS

Public Administration, master, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 2024/25

### EU ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND CROSS-SECTORAL IMPLEMENTING TOOLS

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**Course ID: UME2009, ECTS Credits: 6**

#### Course description

The EU Environmental Policy course is addressed to 2<sup>nd</sup> year master students in Public Administration, and its main objective is to give students a broader perspective of environmental sciences as applicable in public policy, to develop students' capacity to analyze environmental policy problems and provide the theoretical knowledge and tools to draft policy solutions.

#### Course learning objectives

The objectives of this course are as follows:

- to give the students theoretical knowledge in environmental policy;
- to study policy approaches and tools to solve environmental problems;
- to analyze real environmental policy problems and processes at global, regional and local levels;
- to give students practical skills related to environmental policy.

**Course contents** (may suffer minor changes during the semester, but discussed with students)

<b>C1</b>	Presentation of class content and class requirements. Introductory discussion to the general field of environmental policy, law, and economics.
<b>C2</b>	Principles of environmental law and economics, as general guidance to environmental policy
<b>C3</b>	Environmental regulation. EU areas of regulation based on standard setting: air, water, emissions control, etc.
<b>C4</b>	Market-based instruments: taxation and emission trading
<b>C5</b>	Energy-related policies and governance
<b>C6</b>	Voluntary agreements and their role in environmental policy
<b>C7</b>	Sustainable development. Addressing environmental problems through indicators
<b>C8</b>	Sustainable procurement: public (and private), principles, tools
<b>C9</b>	Environmental standards and labeling (as policy instruments and private tools)
<b>C10</b>	Life-cycle costing (and other life-cycle type approaches). EoL management
<b>C11</b>	Industry standards (LCAs, environmental management systems) as private tools
<b>C12</b>	EU climate policy
<b>C13</b>	Climate change, climate change adaptation instruments and policy responses (applied at the local level)
<b>C14</b>	Review of the class, organization for the exam

#### Course methodology and requirements

The discipline is taught through a weekly course. The course materials are available on the e-learning platform of the faculty (Moodle). There you will have available all the materials that represent mandatory reading / learning. Additional / optional readings may be available on the course page.

Class assignments (papers) will be uploaded on Moodle, assignments need to be turned in on time. Late submissions will not be considered. Specific requirements for each assignment are made available on Moodle. Particular cases need to be discussed in private with the course instructor.

Attendance is mandatory in 75% of the classes. Without the required attendance students will be excluded from the exams and will only be able to take the course again in the next academic year.

### Evaluation

Grading starts from grade 1 and we add the following:

- A. Final evaluation: 60% of the final grade
  - Applied research on one of the topics discussed during the semester (from a list provided by the instructor)
  - Application of theoretical concepts to real environmental problems, data, communities, organizations.
- B. Evaluation during the semester (papers, presentations): 30% of the final grade
  - Short papers on short case-studies/ articles (reflection papers)/ problem-solving exercises, etc.
- C. Evaluation on the (quality) class interaction: 10% (at minimum 50% of classes).

### Course bibliography (selection)

Course reading materials are provided to students during the semester on the e-learning platform (Moodle). The general bibliography of the course is available as PDF books / materials.

1. Michael G. Faure and Roy A. Partain, *Environmental Law and Economics: Theory and Practice*, Cambridge University Press, 2019.
2. Rudiger K.W. Wurzel, Mikael Skou Andersen and Paul Tobin (eds.), *Climate Governance Across the Globe. Pioneers, Leaders and Followers*, Routledge, 2021.
3. Chelsea Schelly and Aparajita Banerjee (eds.), *Environmental Policy and the Pursuit of Sustainability*, Routledge, 2018.
4. Thomas Hoerber and Gabriel Weber (eds.), *The European Environmental Conscience in EU Politics*, Routledge, 2022.
5. Jean-Frederic Morin and Amandine Orsini (eds.), *Essential Concepts of Global Environmental Governance*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Routledge, 2021.
6. Anneleen Kenis and Matthias Lievens, *The Limits of the Green Economy. From Reinventing Capitalism to Repoliticising the Present*, Routledge, 2015.
7. Benjamin Stephan and Richard Lane (eds.), *The Politics of Carbon Markets*, Routledge, 2014.
8. Jos Delbeke and Peter Vis (eds.), *Towards a Climate-Neutral Europe. Curbing the Trend*, EU Publications Office, 2019.
9. Liesabeth Dries, Wim Heijman, Roel Joneneel, Kai Purnhagen and Justus Wesseler (eds.), *EU Bioeconomy Economics and Policies: Volume II*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.
10. Klaus Mathis and Bruce R. Huber (eds.), *Environmental Law and Economics*, Springer, 2017.

Other sources (articles, policy papers, databases, websites, etc.) are indicated on the course page on Moodle.